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CITY OF EUREKA AWARDED STATE FUNDS FOR BICYCLE PROJECT

Eureka – Caltrans is pleased to announce that the City of Eureka was recently awarded approximately \$450,000 to help build a bikeway on Waterfront Drive between G Street and J Street.

The City of Eureka will use the money to construct bike lanes to compliment their "Waterfront Drive Connection Project." The Waterfront Drive Connection Project completes the northern portion of Waterfront Drive between G and J Streets, the final link to a continuous transportation corridor along 2.4 miles of the city's waterfront. The project provides access for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit.

This money came from the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) and was administered by Caltrans Division of Local Assistance. BTA provides state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. To be eligible for BTA funds, a city or county must prepare and adopt a Bicycle Transportation Plan that meets State guidelines. Recipients of BTA funds become partners with Caltrans in the common mission to improve mobility and the quality of life in California.

The Caltrans District 1 Division of Local Assistance assists Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake Counties and the cities and regional agencies therein. Currently, there are more than 230 active Local Assistance projects in District 1.

For more information on BTA, please visit

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta/btawebPage.htm>.

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